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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026

10:15 a.m.



As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude Six Pieces in Canonic Form (No. 5-b minor) Robert Schumann

Please stand.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
 Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
 and to the Lamb!
C **Amen.**
P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

 Merciful God,
 you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
 You lead us beside still waters.
 We thank you for the waters of creation:
 morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
 We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).
 Blessed are you.
C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**
P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
 who accompanies us on our journeys.
 We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
 We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
 Blessed are you.
C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**
 Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
 Break down barriers that divide us.
 Fill us with the breath of peace.
 Blessed are you.
C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**
 Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
 and for making us a new creation.
 We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
 now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Congratulations to **Tim Elder**, Our Lord of Life Director of Music, on the occasion of his organ recital at Saint Columba Cathedral, this past week, April 24.

It was a resounding success with several styles of music played by Tim and additional musicians: Piano-**Colin Evans**, 17 years-old and a junior in high school; clarinet -**Shawn Reynolds**, Oboe - **Al Colella**.



A special treat was ending with the Washington Post March—we all felt like little kids, ready to ride the Merry-Go-Round!

Afterwards we enjoyed an amazing reception prepared by Tim's wife Laura and her sister, Lisa, and Lisa's husband, Guy. It was a wonderful evening!



P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

This is the Feast


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Wednesday Bible Study for May/June On TV Series The Chosen

This is an eight-week study using The Chosen, to see Jesus' life in a more personal and relatable way. As Christians, it's important we understand how He's portrayed and compare it with Scripture.

And for those who find reading difficult or less engaging, this can be a meaningful way to experience the story of Jesus and grow in faith together.

Nathan Ferguson, who earned his Eagle Scout Award by building and providing the playground equipment to the rear of the Church, is having a reception here at Lord of Life Lutheran Church to celebrate his Eagle Scout Award and his graduation from Canfield High School. Nate is a member of Saint Michael Roman Catholic Church, where he is an Altar Server. Please join Nate on Sunday, May 3, here from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, for a cake and cookie reception.



READ between the LINES Lord of Life Book Club



The Lord of Life Book Club has some interesting changes planned! To find out the changes, such as meeting day and time, and the books to be read, be sure to check out the May issue of the Servant.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Wednesday Prayer Time
continues at 10:00am each Wednesday
before Bible Study.

The Service Board is expanding on Meals for the Sick ministry, started by *Kay Welch*. We came up with “The Meal Train.” This is for people who are released from the hospital who would be given a meal. The Chairperson for this ministry is *Phyllis Ruse*, and her co-chair is *Alta Johnson*. When you know someone is being sent home from the hospital you may call Phyllis (803) 553-3650 to get the process started. We need volunteers to either cook a meal or donate a meal card. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are able to help. We pray this is a valuable ministry for our congregation.





Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of *Hayley Reed*, Granddaughter, on her First Communion, by Oma and Opa Reed.

What is GriefShare?

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. . Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way, Lord of Life Lutheran Church has a GriefShare Program, facilitated by *Tom Drotloff*; he is assisted by *Alta Johnson*, Sessions are currently being held on Tuesdays;1:00pm –2:30pm. For more information, contact Tom at (330) 533-4527.



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THE GATHERING PLACE SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Monday, May 11:00am

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
550 North Broad St, Canfield, Oh 44406

Make Retirement Fun! YES! Fun!

With **Larry Moleterno**, MBA, from Meridian Healthcare

Learn from the best!



This is a free, community outreach social program offered to all senior citizens which is held on the second Monday of each month.

Reservations are not required.

Come, join us in a fulfilling afternoon of fun and socialization!

Spread the word, and bring your friends! We are here for you!

Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading

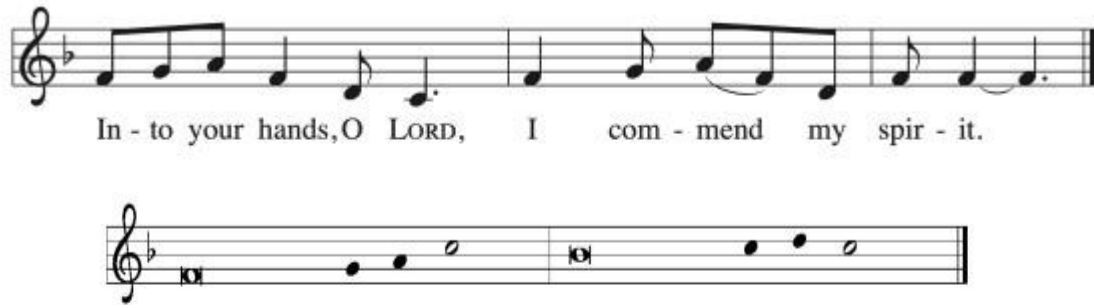
Acts 7: 55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

- L** Word of God, word of life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16



¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**
³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. R**
⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.
¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.” **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Daily Scripture Readings for May 04 Through May 09

Mon 05/04	Tue 05/05	Wed 05/06	Thu 05/07	Fri 05/08	Sat 05/09
Psalm 102:1-17	Psalm 102:1-17	Psalm 102:1-17	Psalm 66:8-20	Psalm 66:8-20	Psalm 66:8-20
Exodus 13:17-22	Proverbs 3:5-12	Proverbs 3:13-18	Genesis 6:5-22	Genesis 7:1-24	Genesis 8:13-19
Acts 7:17-40	Acts 7:44-56	John 8:31-38	Acts 27:1-12	Acts 27:13-38	John 14:27-29

Serving in Worship in May

	05/03	05/10	05/17	05/24	05/31
Greeter/ Usher	Zack West	Bob Soles	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West
Lector	Judy McCartney	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer	Art Thomas	Chris Eash	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas	Chris Eash
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Lord's Prayer

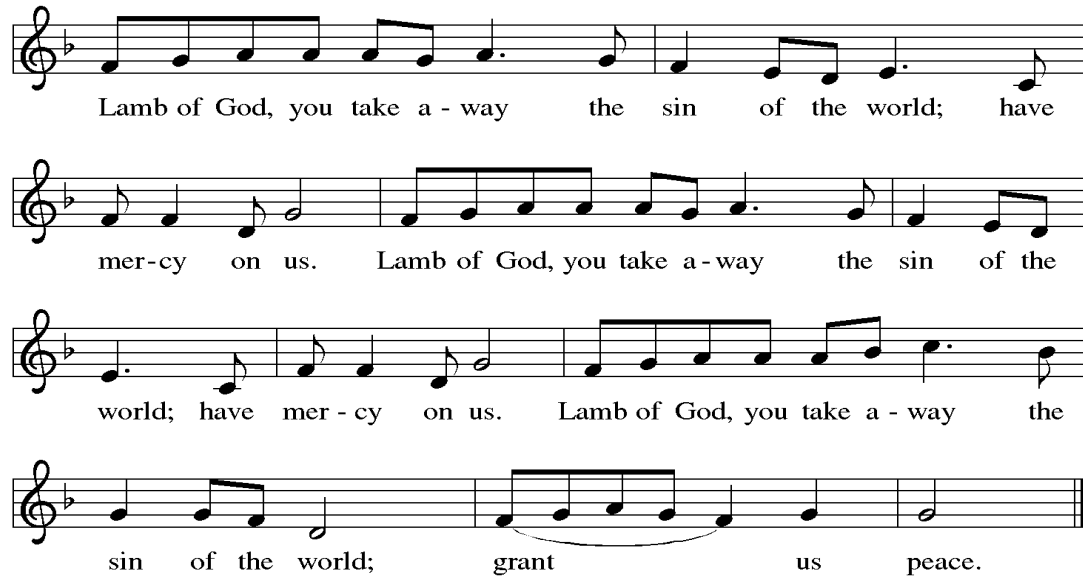
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

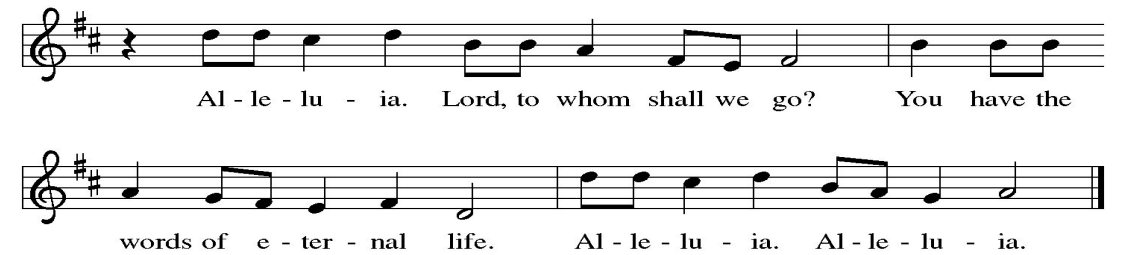
¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 14: 1-14

P The holy gospel according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound** **ELW 367**

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher’s direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution **I Received the Living God** **ELW 477**

Anthem **The Chief Cornerstone** **Bradley Ellingboe**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,
Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn **Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!** **ELW 380**

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Dismissal

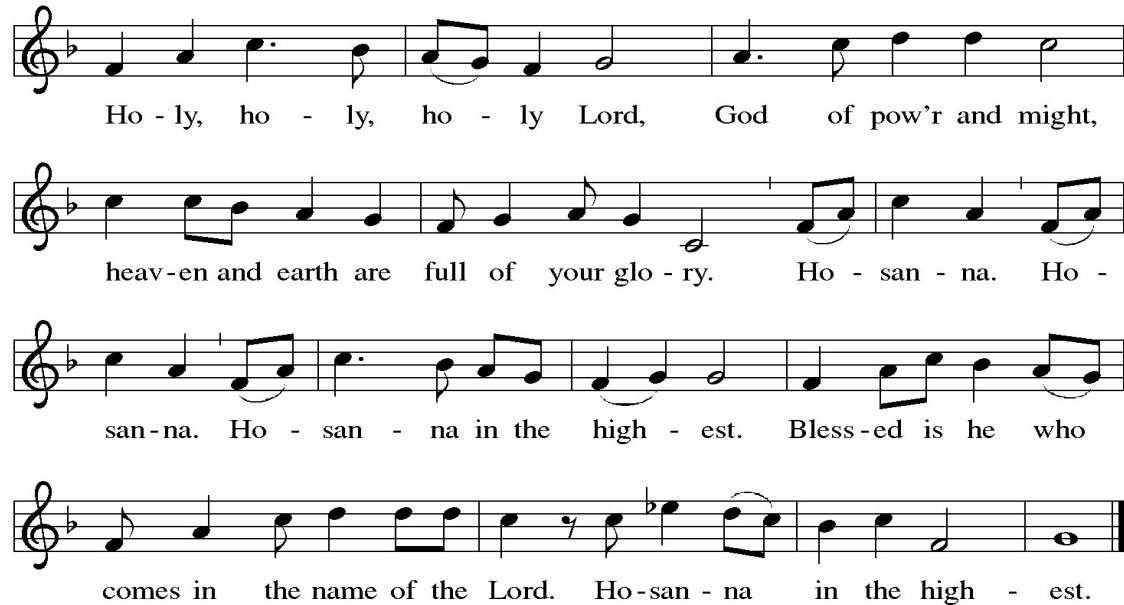
P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude **Toccata in b minor** **Eugene Gigout**

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe....
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as
we proclaim the mystery of life.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.
C **Come Holy Spirit.**
P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...
...Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P With your holy ones of all times and all places...
...we praise you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.
C **Amen**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken
world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay
leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your
steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains
and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and
climate disaster. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be
instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be
agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and
assistance. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick especially those we name before you now out loud or in our hearts.

Sean Bandelier, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, Patty Weiss, and the family of Madolyn Elder.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

C Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

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Offering Response

Be Not Afraid

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Be Not Afraid

Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**